

# CHILDREN'S

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**This department is divided into three sections by age as of January 1st:**

**SECTION 1 – Ages 5 - 8 years**

**SECTION 2 – Ages 9 - 12 years**

**SECTION 3 – Ages 13 - 16 years**

## **Dates & Times:**

Date	Time	Description	Location
Monday, July 20	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Entry Drop Off	Dover Building
Sunday, August 2	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Entries must be removed from the grounds	Dover Building

## **Entry Information:**

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Delaware State Fair's website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. All exhibits will be accepted from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Monday, July 20.
4. Judging will begin in the department on Tuesday, July 21.
5. All entries must be removed between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 2. **Exhibits may not be removed before this time.**
6. Exhibits that are not claimed during the assigned pick up day will be brought to the Administrative Building and held in the Premiums office. If there is no instruction from the exhibitor to keep the entry **by 3:00PM Thursday, August 6, the entry will be discarded.**

## **General Rules & Regulations:**

1. The Dover Building will open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. (except when there is judging in the department). Exhibitors in this department are asked to read and observe the rules governing this department.
2. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.
3. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.

## Department Rules and Regulations:

**\*\*\*Please Read Instructions Carefully\*\*\***

1. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not be responsible in any way for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.
2. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.) When dropping off items, please see samples for attaching tags to pictures and photos.
3. All exhibits must be the current year's work of the exhibitor.
4. **No entry can be accepted unless the birth date of the exhibitor is entered on-line. Exhibitors must be 5, 9, or 13 years old by January 1, 2026.**
5. All exhibits competing for premiums, when coming from an organization, must be made by children individually.
6. A sample of baked goods with ribbons will be kept for display; all other baked goods will be disposed of after judging.
7. The youth in each Section, with the highest number of accumulated points, will be awarded a Rosette.
8. All exhibits must be properly tagged during check in. Please note the format for all work tags that will be taped or stapled to the front upper right corner. All other entries tape, tie, or pin securely.
9. \*A child with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more "major life activities," or has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment.

### Children's Department Premiums:

1st	2nd	3rd
\$6.75	\$5.00	\$3.50

## Canning

All entries must be standard quart jar or pint jar. Label on the side with product, date canned, method used and type of pack. Canned foods will be disqualified unless accepted processing methods are used and correctly labeled. Jar rings and tops MUST BE NEW. Exhibit consists of 1 jar.

Class #	Class Description
1	Canned Pears
2	Canned Peaches
3	Canned Tomatoes
4	Canned Snap Beans
5	Canned Pickled Beets
6	Canned Carrots
7	Canned Corn
8	Grape Jelly (can be ½ pint)
9	Strawberry Jam (can be ½ pint)
10	Relish, Pepper
11	Pickles, Cucumber
12	Applesauce
13	Any work of a child with a disability*

# Crafts

Class #	Class Description
14	Article in leather (may be from a kit)
15	Article in Tin Punching
16	Stenciling on Fabric
17	Stenciling on Wood
18	Article on Beadwork (may be from a kit)
19	Article of Jewelry made of clay or polymer plastic
20	Tole Painting on Wood or Metal
21	Christmas Tree Ornament (may be from a kit)
22	Christmas Door Decoration
23	Springtime Door Decoration
24	Fall Door Decoration
25	Collage ( <b>NO LARGER THAN 11" X 14"</b> )
26	Painted Stone or Brick
27	Painted Tee Shirt, not a sweatshirt
28	Sun Catcher (may be from a kit)
29	Recycled Class: any article of decoration made from materials or containers previously used for another purpose
30	Article in Clay
31	Tie Dyed Item
32	Painted Gourd
33	Ceramics: Glazed
34	Ceramics: Stained
35	Felt Art Picture (not fuzzy velvet)
36	Fuzzy Velvet Picture
37	Any Item of Calligraphy: invitation, certificate, announcement, poem, nursery rhyme
38	Hand Painted Light Bulb
39	Decorated Mask
40	Painted Wooden or Paper Mache Box with lid
41	Decoupage Wooden Box
42	Rubber Stamp Art on Greeting Card
43	Scrapbooking: 1 page (use sheet protectors)
44	Decorated Bird House
45	Decorated Clay Flower Pot
46	Any Clothes Pin craft
47	Picture Frame, any type
48	Game Board ( <b>NO LARGER THAN 14" X 14"</b> )
49	Sea Shell Art work
50	Stained Glass
51	String Art
52	Miscellaneous Rubber Band Art
53	Diamond Art ( <b>NO LARGER THAN 20" X 15"</b> )
54	Any work of a child with a disability*

# Culinary

All baked goods are to be made from scratch—not a mix. Display on paper plate tightly wrapped or bagged.

Class #	Class Description
55	Homemade Yeast Bread, loaf
56	Homemade Nut Bread, loaf
57	Homemade Yeast Rolls, 3
58	Homemade Biscuits, 3
59	Homemade Cinnamon Buns, 3
60	Oatmeal Cookies, 4
61	Sugar Cookies, 4
62	Bar Cookies, 4 (except brownies)
63	Chocolate Chip Cookies, 4
64	Cupcakes, 3 yellow without icing
65	Cupcakes, 3 chocolate without icing
66	Fudge, 4 pieces, Chocolate
67	Fudge, 4 pieces, Peanut Butter
68	Brownies, 4 Chocolate
69	Vanilla Pound Cake, loaf
70	Any work of a child with a disability*

# Drawing & Painting

Each exhibitor is limited to one picture in each class. All pictures are required to be **no larger than 9" x 12"** including mounting. Pictures should be mounted on cardstock so they can be easily hung. Pictures larger will not be accepted as space is limited. Xeroxed copies or tracing is not allowed. Each picture should be individually drawn. **NO FRAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Class #	Class Description
71	Black ink pen sketch, outdoor scene
72	Black ink pen sketch, any subject
73	Watercolor, any subject
74	Colored markers, any subject
75	Colored pencil sketch, human head
76	Colored pencil sketch, outdoor scene
77	Lead pencil sketch, human figure
78	Lead pencil sketch, human head
79	Lead pencil sketch, animal
80	Lead pencil, any subject
81	Crayon, human head
82	Crayon, outdoor scene
83	Crayon, any subject
84	Chalk drawing, any subject
85	Charcoal drawing, any subject
86	Oil or Acrylic painting, any subject (may be in a frame)

Class #	Class Description
87	Picture depicting 2026 Fair Theme "Celebrating America's 250th"
88	Stippling (ink dot picture)
89	Paint by numbers
90	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Knitted, Crocheted, Woven, Hooked, Embroidery

Class #	Class Description
91	Knitted item
92	Crocheted item
93	Hooked picture
94	Woven article
95	Miscellaneous Embroidery
96	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Needlepoint

Class #	Class Description
97	Plastic canvas, Christmas ornament
98	Plastic canvas, refrigerator ornament
99	Plastic canvas, any item not mentioned
100	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Needlework

Class #	Class Description
101	Counted cross stitch item, other than a picture
102	Counted cross stitch picture
103	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Black & White Photography

Each exhibitor is limited to one photograph in each class. All photos are required to be 4" x 6" or 5" x 7" with mounting no larger than 6" x 8". Photos must be mounted on cardstock. **NO FRAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Class #	Class Description
104	Pets (B & W)
105	Farm animals (B & W)
106	Flowers (B & W)
107	Insects (B & W)
108	Birds (B & W)

Class #	Class Description
109	Landscape or Scenery (B & W)
110	Delaware State Fair Theme (B & W)
111	Delaware Theme (B & W)
112	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Color Photography

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Each exhibitor is limited to one photograph in each class. All photos are required to be 4" x 6" or 5" x 7" with mounting no larger than 6" x 8". Photos must be mounted on cardstock. **NO FRAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Class #	Class Description
113	Pets (Color)
114	Farm animals (Color)
115	Flowers (Color)
116	Insects (Color)
117	Birds (Color)
118	Landscape or Scenery (Color)
119	Delaware State Fair Theme (Color)
120	Delaware Theme (Color)
121	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Sewing: Clothing

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Class #	Class Description
122	Apron
123	Blouse or Shirt
124	Slacks
125	Suit: Skirt and Jacket OR Slacks and Jacket
126	Pajamas or Nightgown
127	Dress
128	Skirt
129	Shorts
130	Vest
131	Handbag, any style or fabric
132	Hat, any style or fabric
133	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Sewing: Items

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Class #	Class Description
134	Pillow, any style
135	Tote Bag, handmade, any fabric or material
136	Stuffed animal

Class #	Class Description
137	Doll outfit
138	Pot Holder, not woven
139	Handmade Doll
140	Quilting, any item
141	Scarf, any type
142	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Woodworking

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Class #	Class Description
143	Any article in wood, less than 6" x 6" overall size (may be from a kit)
144	Any article in wood, larger than 6" x 6" but not larger than 12" x 12" (may be from a kit)
145	Any article in wood, over 12" x 12" in size
146	Any work that demonstrates a Wood Burning technique, no larger than 12" x 12" in size
147	Any work of a child with a disability*

## Fair Theme Contest

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Class #	Class Description
148	Any craft item that expresses the 2026 Fair Theme "Celebrating America's 250th"

## Overall Awards

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### Judge's Award

A Rosette & \$20.00 will be awarded to the overall outstanding exhibit for each age division.



### Mrs. Leila E. Hopkins Memorial

The Leila E. Hopkins Award will be presented to the exhibitor, regardless of age, earning the most points in The Children's Department. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the number of exhibits. Three (3) points will be given for 1st prize, two (2) points for 2nd prize, one (1) point for 3rd prize. The award winner will receive a Rosette & \$30.

## Children Contests

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Please visit the CONTEST section on our website to enter and for additional information!

- Button Craft Contest
- Duct Tape Contest
- Jazzy Jar Contest
- Lego Contest
- Shoebox Float Contest